SUBJECTS.

(2) No general order throwing open reserved forests to cattle can be issued. An order like that will speedily ruin our reserves.

(3) No case has been made out for remitting the fee in question.

(4) I quite concur. The member's suggestions are noted. It is certainly necessary that the slopes on the sides of rivers and hill-streams should be left intact and not cleared.

41. Marshy lands within reserves to be given for cultivation.

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Pattanapuram Taluk) requested that marshy lands within reserves should be permanently given for paddy cultivation without the value of the trees, if any, standing thereon, being realised. The marshy lands now lying useless could be made fit for cultivation by the removal of grass now growing on them. It would benefit the poor people and yield revenue to Government, if they were allowed to cultivate those lands.

Mr. K. Kochu Koshi (Member, Kunnattur Taluk) also spoke on the subject.

Dewan's reply.—When an area is made a forest reserve, it is most inexpedient to allow any cultivation within it.

Gentlemen,—Before we disperse, I wish to ask you what your views are regarding to-morrow. To-morrow is a public holiday, but many of you, I know, have come from long distances and everyday's delay must be a source of inconvenience to you. So far as I am personally concerned I have no objection to attend to-morrow. At the same time, if there is a general wish to treat to-morrow as a public holiday I raise no objection. I shall be glad to have some idea of what your wishes are in this matter.

The members having unanimously agreed to attend, it was resolved, in view of the sports commencing at 3 P. M., to meet at 11 A. M., and disperse after business at 3 P. M.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-10 P. M.

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